

WESTERN AUSTRALIA GRANT (NORTHERN DEVELOPMENT).

No. 28 of 1958.

An Act to grant Financial Assistance to the State of Western Australia in relation to the Development of the Northern part of that State.

[Assented to 21st May, 1958.]

BE it enacted by the Queen's Most Excellent Majesty, the Senate, and the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Australia, for the purpose of appropriating the grant originated in the House of Representatives, as follows:—

1. This Act may be cited as the *Western Australia Grant (Northern Development) Act 1958.* Short title.

2. This Act shall come into operation on the day on which it receives the Royal Assent. Commencement.

3. In this Act—
“approved projects” means projects approved by the Treasurer under this Act; Definitions.

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“ the northern part of the State ” means that part of the State which is north of the twentieth parallel of south latitude;

“ the prescribed period ” means the period of five years commencing on the first day of July, One thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight;

“ the State ” means the State of Western Australia.

Approval of projects.

4.—(1.) The State may request the Commonwealth to approve, for the purpose of this Act, a project in relation to the development of the northern part of the State, and the Treasurer may, subject to the next succeeding sub-section, approve the project on behalf of the Commonwealth.

(2.) The Treasurer shall exercise his powers under the last preceding sub-section with a view to ensuring that moneys are provided under this Act only in relation to projects which he is satisfied will contribute to the development of the northern part of the State and could not reasonably be expected to be carried out during the prescribed period without the grant of financial assistance to the State by the Commonwealth in relation to those projects.

Financial assistance to the State.

5.—(1.) Subject to the next succeeding sub-section, amounts determined by the Treasurer, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of Two million five hundred thousand pounds, are payable, at such respective times as are determined by the Treasurer, to the State for the purposes of financial assistance to the State in relation to approved projects.

(2.) A payment shall not be made to the State under this section unless—

(a) the Auditor-General of the State furnishes to the Treasurer—

(i) a certificate in writing certifying that an amount specified in the certificate has been expended by the State during the prescribed period for or in connexion with approved projects; and

(ii) such particulars in relation to the expenditure of that amount as the Treasurer requires; and

(b) the sum of the amounts of that payment and the payments, if any, previously made to the State under this section is not greater than the sum of the amount certified in the certificate and Fifty thousand pounds.

Appropriation.

6. Payments under this Act shall be made out of the Consolidated Revenue Fund, which is appropriated accordingly.